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TO: VIRGINIA COMMERCIAL COBIA INDUSTRY

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

**RE: CLOSURE OF THE 2019 COMMERCIAL COBIA FISHERY EFFECTIVE
12:01 A.M., October 1, 2019.**

Effective 12:01 A.M., Tuesday, October 1, 2019, the Virginia commercial cobia fishery will close. Based upon landing reports of cobia from both the state and federal level, it is projected that the states belonging to the Atlantic Migratory Group of cobia (Georgia-New York) have caught the 50,000-pound annual catch limit allocated to the commercial sector.

Therefore, after 12:01 A.M., October 1, 2019, the possession or landing of any cobia in Virginia shall be prohibited (Chapter 4 VAC 20-510-10 et seq.).

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Alex Aspinwall at (757) 247-2078.

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